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Mr. Jeff Morales  
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Re: FY 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SCAG Highway and Transit  
**FTIP** Amendment #2

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500 for **Kris** Balaji, Transportation Programming Program

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2002/03 to 2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (**FTIP**) Amendment # 2, as requested by your letter of April 1, 2003.

We find that this SCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305 and 23CFR450. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40CFR Section 9.126 and or Section 93.1271. As required by 40 CFR parts 51 and 93, the projects included in this amendment are found to conform in accordance with Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended by 42 USC 7504, 7506(c) and (d). Moreover, this amendment has been coordinated with the Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of **SCAG's** TIP Amendment # 2 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements. This approval is based on the Department of **Transportation/Caltrans** assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Balmir of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953.

Sincerely,

/s/

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